

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 7 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

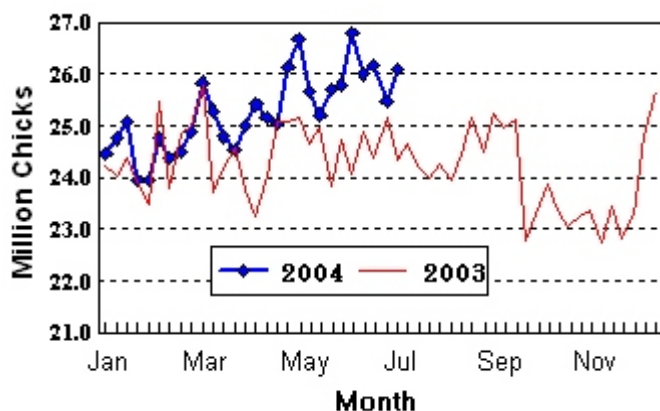
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 26.1 million during the week ending July 10, 2004. Placements were up 7 percent from the comparable week in 2003, and up 2 percent from the revised previous week, and included 3.5 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through July 10, 2004 were 708.1 million, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 26.3 million, up 5 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but down slightly from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.4 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.7 percent.

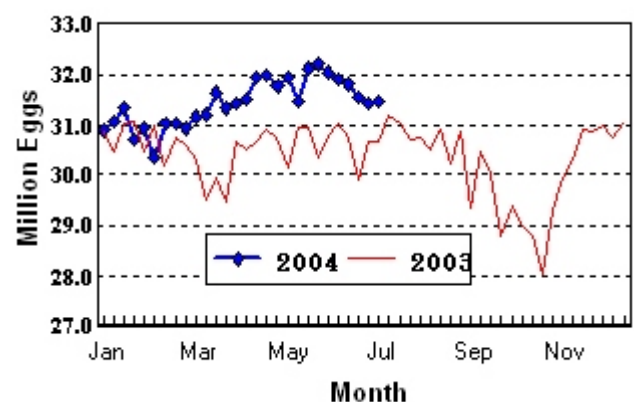
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.5 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending July 10, 2004, up 3 percent from the same period last year, and up slightly from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Jun. 5	24,744	25,792	104	25,944	26,677	103	30,797	32,066	104
Jun. 12	24,094	26,808	111	25,855	26,514	103	31,052	31,916	103
Jun. 19	24,892	26,008	104	25,268	26,502	105	30,754	31,809	103
Jun. 26	24,413	26,173	107	25,540	26,585	104	29,935	31,556	105
Jul. 3	25,195	25,487	101	25,629	26,419	103	30,676	31,452	103
Jul. 10	24,361	26,092	107	25,097	26,297	105	30,669	31,489	103

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2003-2004



EGGS SET, 2003 - 2004



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2004

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	19-Jun	26-Jun	03-Jul	10-Jul		05-Jun	12-Jun	19-Jun	26-Jun	03-Jul	10-Jul	
Alabama	30,715	30,373	30,690	30,493	105	22,168	22,248	21,248	20,484	21,372	21,998	105
ARKANSAS	31,809 *	31,556	31,452	31,489	103	25,792	26,808	26,008	26,173	25,487 *	26,092	107
Delaware	3,923	3,793	3,444	3,561	93	5,252	5,535	4,729	4,908 *	4,951 *	4,826	90
Florida	1,375	1,369	1,371	1,366	101	1,474	1,500	1,645	1,644	1,606 *	1,498	84
Georgia	33,360	33,413	33,079	33,358	102	26,384	26,951	26,919	27,443	28,644 *	27,041	107
Kentucky	6,958 *	7,021 *	7,142 *	7,326	113	5,918	6,080	6,267	6,198 *	6,086 *	6,178	111
Louisiana	3,892	3,892	3,923 *	3,892	98	4,092	3,669	3,908	3,514 *	3,941 *	3,755	99
Maryland	8,996	8,983	8,892	8,894	94	5,560	5,849	6,276	6,078 *	6,120 *	6,020	102
Mississippi	19,845	19,742	19,845	19,845	102	17,280	17,251	17,538	17,258	17,388 *	17,116	107
N. Carolina	18,712 *	18,500	17,625 *	18,124	111	15,577	15,010	15,162	15,442	15,139 *	15,463	103
Oklahoma	6,856	6,344	6,619	6,216	97	4,799	4,630	4,268	5,372	4,600	4,164	88
Pennsylvania	3,962 *	3,764 *	3,898 *	3,945	106	2,760	2,598 *	2,248 *	2,616 *	2,877 *	2,847	105
S. Carolina	3,809	3,697	3,785	3,510	78	4,636	4,453	4,439	4,087	4,019 *	4,203	98
Texas	15,209 *	15,282 *	15,076 *	15,380	106	12,913 *	12,986 *	13,019	12,790 *	12,752	12,704	103
Virginia	6,763	6,811	6,832	6,863	110	5,292	5,428	5,386	5,236	5,216	5,701	107
CA,MO,TN,WV	17,684 *	17,250 *	16,683 *	16,796	102	17,026 *	17,316 *	16,222 *	15,752 *	16,263 *	15,933	99
Total 2004	213,868 *	211,790 *	210,356 *	211,058		176,923 *	178,312 *	175,282 *	174,995 *	176,461 *	175,539	
Total 2003	207,133	201,877	205,357	204,920		173,036	173,964	172,611	172,446	171,574	169,458	
%Prev. Year	103	105	102	103		102	102	102	101	103	104	
Approximate Marketing Date 2004.....						24-Jul	31-Jul	07-Aug	14-Aug	21-Aug	28-Aug	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 211 million eggs during the week ending July 10, 2004. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 4 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 10, 2004. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through July 10, 2004 were 4.81 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.